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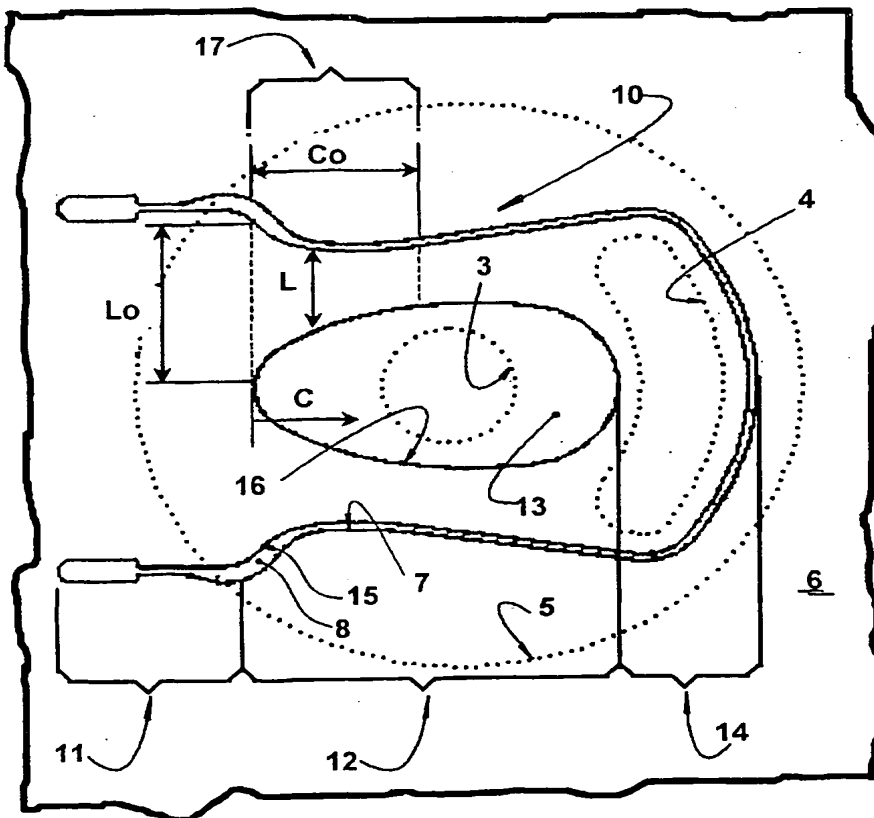
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(57) Abstract: A suction valve for a small hermetic compressor of the type presenting a compression cylinder (1), which has an end closed by a valve plate (2) having a discharge orifice (3) and a suction orifice (4), said valve comprising a flexible vane (10) which is shaped in a way to present: a fixation end portion (11) to be affixed to the valve plate (2); a bending median portion (12) provided with a median opening (13) aligned with a discharge orifice (3); and a sealing end portion (14) operatively associated with the suction orifice (4), the distance between an external edge (15) of the flexible vane (10) and an adjacent internal edge (16) of the contour of the median opening (13) diminishing, progressively, along a higher bending region (17) of the flexible vane (10) from a maximum value, close to the end fixation portion (11) to a minimum value, close to the boundary of the higher bending region (17).

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